23. Internal combustion engine according to claim 12 wherein there is provided an arrangement for controlling internal exhaust-gas recirculation by adjustment of intake valve opening times in the direction of early.

REMARKS

Applicants submit herewith a translation of the application as filed and a proposed Substitute Specification and Abstract in compliance with U.S. Practice.

Claims 1 to 11 are cancelled. Claims 12 to 23 conforming to U.S. practice are presented.

A Declaration and Power of Attorney are submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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